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Statement on

H.B. 5537 (Raised): AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES

OPPOSE

Submitted to the Public Committee
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The Connecticut REALTORS® would like to submit testimony in opposition of HB 5537, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES. The act is designed to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations concerning various revisions to the public health statutes.

The Connecticut REALTORS® has an objection to Section 30 of the act. This section requires reporting on a monthly basis all air and radon in water reports to the Commissioner of Public Health by companies that provide for radon testing. The Connecticut REALTORS® are in favor of safe homes for the citizens of Connecticut, but we do not understand the rationale for this section. The proposal requests a collection of data, to be deposited with the Department of Public Health, but it does not specify the use for this data.

The Connecticut REALTORS® believe this bill would stigmatize properties as having high radon counts when radon mitigation can be easily provided for. This action could result in a property not being as marketable due to its inclusion on said report.

The Connecticut REALTORS® also believes this proposal would add a large burden of administrative costs onto both testing companies and the regulatory body. These costs would in turn be passed onto the home buying consumers and Connecticut taxpayers.

To conclude, Connecticut REALTORS® opposes this section as we believe it to be an excessive reporting requirement that does not add to the protection of the home buyer as it will unnecessarily increase costs to all involved.

Connecticut REALTORS® represents over 15,000 members involved in all aspects of real estate in Connecticut. For this reason, the Connecticut REALTORS® ask for you to oppose this section of the proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.